



Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening this week?

The school week started with great excitement as we had some snow falling. Many of the children went outside to try and catch a snowflake. They talked about how they felt and what happened to a caught snowflake as it sat on their skin or clothing. It was a great learning experience as we rarely have snow.

As the weather has changed and it feels much colder, please remember to send your child into school with a named warm coat, hat and gloves as the children do go outside in all weathers,



School Clubs Started

Our before and after school clubs started this week. We were very excited to welcome a new club with 'Fun Little Foodies'. This is a weekly before and after school club and the children thoroughly enjoyed their first sessions and tasting the results of their cooking skills.

Our many different sports clubs also made a brilliant start this week. It is fabulous to see so many of our children practising and developing their skills and talents in these clubs.

Dance Festival

Mrs Douglass, a local dance teacher who regularly works with our school, has been working with Pine and Maple class on a very exciting dance routine. The children in Pine and Maple will have the opportunity to perform their dance at the Baylis Theatre, Braywick Leisure Centre. This event celebrates the achievements of primary schools within the local sports partnership, and is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy performing together in front of a large audience on a proper stage. The parents/carers of the children in Pine and Maple should have bought an audience ticket via the My Child At School (MCAS) account.



Please drive and park sensibly!

Please drive slowly along Mulberry Walk and be aware of the pedestrians.

Park sensibly; not blocking driveways or stopping on the road bends.



The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Use kind hands, feet and words
- Say how we feel
- Look and listen
- Always do our best



CENSUS DAY

It is Census day next Thursday 18th January.

The school receives funding for the meals we provide. The more children who have a free school dinner on this day, the more funding we receive.

In order to maximise this funding, we would like every child to try a school dinner next Thursday. Please choose with your child and order online via Parent Pay as usual.

If you are concerned that your child may not like that day's menu, you are welcome to also send in a packed lunch.

School Applications for Year 3

A reminder to all Year 2 parents to complete their junior school application.

The closing date is 15th January.
For further details visit the [rbwm website](#)



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).

Ideas for Learning Chats

What have Reception been learning?

What a busy week our first full week has been! We have been back into the swing of learning phonics and numbers. We've been thinking about keeping ourselves safe and what clothes we wear in different seasons. We've been very excited to see Mr Baker, our PE teacher and to start a new PE topic.

Ask me to sound out h-u-ff and p-u-ff and read the words

Ask me to tell you a story using those two words.

Tell me a number between 0 and 5 and ask me to find that many toys.

Ask me to tell you something that is safe to put on my body (e.g. shampoo) and something that is not safe (e.g. a needle).

Ask me to draw a map of my room.

Next week: phonic sounds /l/ and /ll/, thinking about one less than a given number and continuing subitising to five

What have Year 1 been learning this week, Mrs Novelle?

It has been a busy week in Year 1. In English, we read our new class book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and wrote some lovely sentences describing Gerald. In Maths, the children have been exploring numbers up to 20 with lots of hands-on learning in their lessons. In Science, the children planted their own beans! They are excited to look after them and watch them grow over the next few weeks. Well done year 1!

Ask me to count on from 10.

Ask me to tell you one more than 15.

Ask me to tell you one less than 12.

Ask me to read these words: lawn, jaw, peer, deer, appear, claw.

Ask me to tell you what I did when I planted my broad bean seed.

Ask me how I can be a good friend

Ask me to retell the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance.'

Next week, we will be learning all about mammals and birds in Science.

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their first full week back after the holidays. We've been very excited by our new English topic of Superheros and Villians, we've created our own SuperHero and Villain which we used to write a story using noun phrases and commas in lists.

We've also started a new Art topic learning about the life of Claude Monet, we can't wait to start getting creative.

Ask me how many different ways I can make the following amounts using coins-

10p, 15p, 20p, 25p, 70p

Ask me the names of my Superhero and Villain

Ask me two facts about Claude Monet

Ask me what Brunel was famous for

Next week in Year 2 we will be listening to and reading the story of Peter and the Wolf.

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2.

In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special sticker.

A huge **'well done'** to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their achievements this week. **We are very proud of you!**

KEY DATES!

15th January

Deadline for junior school places

15th-19th January

Music Week:

-Teddies workshop (reception)

-Drumming workshop (Yr2)

-Boomwhacker workshop (Yr1)

-Newlands band visit

-Courthouse musicians visit

-Musical parents visit

5th-9th February

Book Week

-Book Fair after school

-Author workshops (Yr1 & 2)

8th February

Dance Festival (Pine & Maple)

9th February

End of Term

12th - 16th February

School closed for half term

Half term book Challenge

19th - 23rd February

Art/DT Week

Art workshops

26th February

Internet Safety Day

7th March

World Book Day

12th & 14th March

Parents'/Carers' consultations

28th March

Last day of Term

29th March-12th April

School closed

15th April

INSET day

School closed

Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

January 5th - Design your own superhero - Online

January 19th - Bingo - Bracknell - St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School

February 2nd - Crafting - Slough

February 16th - Big on Bouncing - Slough

March 1st - Sports Day - Maidenhead - Woodlands Park Primary School

March 15th - Easter Biscuit Decorating - Heathfield School - Ascot

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration:

Gems4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



NEW **P**ARKING RESOLUTION

With the start of a brand-new year, it feels like a perfect time to reflect on old habits and make new resolutions, not only of how to keep healthy but also how to keep ourselves and others safe.

With this in mind, the Road Safety Officers at RBWM have created a New year, New you, New parking resolution checklist to remind drivers of how to park safely and considerately and the laws regarding parking especially near schools. The checklist is included at the end of this email.

E-SCOOTERS

What you need to know



It's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public?



That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.



NEW YEAR NEW YOU

NEW **P**ARKING RESOLUTION

Safer Parking checklist

Get active

Park further away from school and walk the last 5-15 minutes of the journey.

Be more considerate

Don't block driveways or dropped kerbs even for a few minutes.

Always park away from junctions and corners

Parking 10 meters away increases the visibility for pedestrians and drivers and reduces risks for everyone.

Keep ALL children safe

Parking, stopping or dropping on SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR zigzags, even just for a minute, endangers other children. Keep it clear.

Keep yourself within the law

Never park on a single yellow line, double yellow line or zig zag line during restricted times. This could lead to a fine.

Share the roads, Share the responsibility

